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1. SUMMARY: TANAKA'S 50-HOUR VISIT TO MALAYSIA UNVENT-
FUL WITH ONE MINOR DEMONSTRATION AND ONE MEANINGFUL ANNOUNCEMENT,
I.E., EXTENSION OF THIRD YEN CREDIT TO MALAYSIA. IF PURPOSE OF
TRIP WAS TO WIN HEARTS AND MINDS OF MALAYSIAN PEOPLE, LOW-KEY,
WEEKEND VISIT DID NOT FILL BILL. IF IT INTENDED TO PERMIT RELAXED
DISCUSSIONS AT PRIME MINISTER LEVEL IT PROBABLY CAN BE VIEWED
AS A SUCCESS. END SUMMARY.

2. JAPANESE PM TANAKA ARRIVED IN KUALA LUMPUR SATURDAY AFTERNOON
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JANUARY 13 ACCOMPANIED BY DAUGHTER MAKIKO AND DEPUTY VICE MIN

TSURUMI. USUAL FORMALITIES, HONOR GUARD, ETC, WERE DISPENSED WITH AT JAPANESE REQUEST. TANAKA WAS MET AT PLANE SIDE BY PRIME MINISTER AND MRS RAZAK AND, AFTER BRIEF ARRIVAL REMARKS, HE AND HIS PARTY OF TWENTY-EIGHT WERE WHISKED AWAY TO THE KL HILTON WHERE THEY RESIDED DURING THE 50-HOUR VISIT. SECURITY WAS REPORTED TO BE TIGHT AT SUBANG AIRPORT WHERE A GROUP OF ONE TO TWO-HUNDRED STUDENTS WAVED ANTI-JAPANESE PLACARDS FROM PUBLIC BALCONY.

3. TANAKA'S PROGRAM BEGAN WITH DINNER HOSTED BY PM RAZAK SATURDAY EVENING. IN HIS ADDRESS TO THIS GATHERING, JAPANESE PM CALLED FOR MORE PERSON-TO-PERSON CONTACTS BETWEEN JAPAN AND MALAYSIA, ANNOUNCED GOJ SPONSORSHIP OF A "SHIP FOR SEA YOUTH" TO ENABLE MORE SEA STUDENTS TO VISIT JAPAN, ENDORSED MALAYSIA'S NEUTRALIZATION INITIATIVE AS A "FAR SIGHTED ACT IN PURSUIT OF PEACE AND STABILITY," AND STATED THAT ANY PROBLEMS ARISING FROM CLOSING TIES BETWEEN JAPAN AND MALAYSIA COULD BE SOLVED BY FRANK DISCUSSIONS IN A RELAXED AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE. DESPITE HIS REFERENCES TO NEED FOR MORE CONTACTS AND EXCHANGES, PM TANAKA DECLINED TO MEET WITH GROUP OF UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA STUDENTS WHO HAD EARLIER ANNOUNCED THEY WANTED TO HAND THE JAPANESE PM A MEMORANDUM PRESUMABLY DEALING WITH WHAT ONE MODERATE STUDENT LEADER REPORTEDLY DESCRIBED AS LACK OF FAIRNESS IN JAPAN'S PAST DEALINGS WITH MALAYSIA. AS A RESULT, THE MEMORANDUM, AN EFFIGY OF TANAKA, AND A JAPANESE FLAG WERE BURNED BY STUDENT ASSOCIATION REPS ON UM CAMPUS THE AFTERNOON OF JAN 14.

4. ON SUNDAY, TWO PRIME MINISTERS PLAYED GOLF TOGETHER AND TANAKA HOSTED LUNCH AT HILTON FOR RAZAK. MONDAY, JAPANESE PM AND HIS DAUGHTER CALLED ON KING, FOLLOWING WHICH FURTHER MEETING TOOK PLACE BETWEEN TANAKA AND RAZAK. A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED YESTERDAY, STATED MALAYSIAN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO A THIRD YEN CREDIT "(REPORTEDLY TO TOTAL US\$100 MILLION AT THREE PER CENT). IN COMMUNIQUE, TANAKA ALSO CONFIRMED JAPAN'S RESPECT FOR INDEPENDENT WILLS AND DECISIONS OF SEA NATIONS AND VALUE IT PLACES ON ASEAN EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY IN AREA. BOTH TANAKA AND RAZAK WELCOMED PARIS AND LAOS AGREEMENTS AND AGREED SCRUPULOUS OBSERVANCE THESE NECESSARY FOR LASTING PEACE IN INDOCHINA. BOTH ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE CAMBODIAN PROBLEM WOULD BE SOLVED PEACEFULLY BY CAMBODIANS THEMSELVES. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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5. IN PRE-DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE, TANAKA DESCRIBED HIS MISSION TO SEA AS DESIGNED "PROMOTE MUTUAL TRUST", ADDING THAT JAPAN WAS NOW WORKING TOWARD ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH SEA NATIONS TO PREVENT ANY MISUNDERSTANDING THAT COULD LEAD TO ANTI-JAPANESE FEELINGS. HE SAID JAPANESE FIRMS HAD NO DESIRE TO CONTROL LOCAL ENTERPRISES OR TO PURSUE MONOPOLIES OR EXCESSIVE

PROFITS. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, HE DENIED HAVING DISCUSSED MALACCA STRAIT ISSUE WITH PM RAZEC, AND SAID WHILE JAPAN HOPED STRAITS WOULD REMAIN OPEN TO ALL SHIPPING IT UP TO ASEAN STATES TO RAISE QUESTION SPECIFICALLY.

6. COMMENT:YOCAL GOVERNMENT SOURCES INDICATE MALAYSIAN LEADERSHIP PEEVED THAT JAPANESE SO SECURITY CONCSCIOUS THAT AIRPORT CEREMONIES HAD TO BE ABBREVIATED AND THAT TANAKA FAILED TO USE STATE GUEST HOUSE. JAPANESE REPORTEDLY WERE UPSET BY STUDENT ACTIONAT AIRPORT, ALTHOUGH BY ALL ACCOUNTS THIS WAS EXTREMELY MODERATE AND NO OTHER CONFRONTATIONS TOOK PLACE.

7. IF TANAKA SOUGHT TO USE MALAYSIAN PUBLIC, AS HE IMPLIED IN SPEECH, HE MIGHT AS WELL HAVE REMAINED IN TOKYO. ON OTHER HAND, IF HE INTERESTED IN MEETING ON FRIENDLY, INFORMAL BASIS WITH PM RAZAK AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS HIS EFFORTS COULD BE

COUNTED A SUCCESS. JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICIALS WERE STILL

IN STATE OF SHOCK. WE WILL FOLLOW-UP WITH MORE MEANINGFUL EVALUATION WHEN THEY HAVE RECOVERED.

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